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OBITUARY.

JAMES DUNCAN HAGUE.

1836-1908.

Mr. Hague died on the 3rd of August, at his summer home in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, after a brief illness.

He was born and educated in Boston, entered the Lawrence Scientific School at Harvard College in 1854, studied at Göttingen in 1855, and at the Royal School of Mines in Freiberg for the next three years. In 1859-1861 Mr. Hague was engaged in scientific voyages among the islands of the Pacific. During the Civil War he served as judge advocate for the naval courts martial in the South Atlantic blockading squadron cases, in 1862-63. For the next three years he was in charge of copper mines in the Lake Superior region, and in 1867 he became first assistant geologist of the Geological Survey of the Fortieth Parallel. The volume on "Mining Industry" in the Report of the Survey (Vol. III of the series) was the work of Mr. Hague. In 1871 he entered upon the practice of his profession as a Consulting Geologist and Mining Engineer in California, and in 1879 permanently established himself in New York.

Widely known in so many parts of the world, Mr. Hague won without an effort the esteem and personal regard of every one who met him.

A pathetic interest attaches to the paper on The Drake Medal in the August BULLETIN. This was Mr. Hague's last composition, written when in his usual health, and partly read in proof a few days before his death.

Mr. Hague became a fellow of the American Geographical Society in 1887 and was elected Councillor in 1907 and Vice-President in 1908.

CESÁREO FERNÁNDEZ DURO.

Señor Fernández Duro, President of the Royal Geographical Society of Madrid, died in June after a long illness, at the age of seventy-eight years.

Educated for the navy, he served for thirty years and retired in 1875 with the grade of *capitán de navío*, devoting himself thenceforward with unwearyed industry to historical and geographical research and the production of works such as the *Armada Invencible*, the *Disquisiciones Náuticas*, *Colón y Pinzón*, and the *Armada Española*, a history of the Spanish navy from the union of the Kingdoms of Castile and Aragon. All his writings are marked by the sound historical sense, by scholarship, by impartiality, by the respect for truth and the self-respect inherent in a noble character.

The death of such a man is a loss to his country.